

REMARKS

Claims 31 – 58 are pending.

No new matter has been introduced. In a Notice of Allowance dated December 14, 2005, the Examiner allowed claims 1 – 9 and 11 - 30. The applicants have cancelled claims 1 – 9 and 11 – 30.

The applicants have added claims 31 – 58 to clarify the subject matter of the invention of the allowed claims 1 – 9 and 11 – 30.

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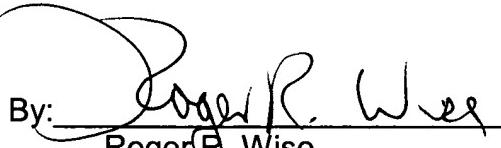
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Applicants believe that the claims are still in condition for allowance, and a favorable action is respectfully requested. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance should the Examiner believe that such a telephone conference would advance prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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